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Dear Principal/Science Department Chairman:

On behalf of the Secretary of Energy, Steven Chu, we are pleased to announce the 22nd annual Department of Energy National Science Bowl® for High School Students. The Science Bowl is a tournament-style academic competition that challenges and recognizes students' knowledge of science and mathematics.

Regional Science Bowls will be held across the country, with the winner of each competition qualifying to be one of the teams competing in the National Science Bowl® finals. Your Regional Science Bowl will be held **Saturday, January 28, 2012** at Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, New York.

The national competition will be held April 26<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and is sponsored by the Department of Energy. Prizes awarded in 2011 included cash awards, calculators, PDAs and award trips to Australia, France, and Colorado.

Brookhaven National Laboratory's regional high school competition is limited to 20 schools. Teams will be selected on a first-come basis. We expect the slots to fill quickly so please register as soon as possible. Registration opens October 1, 2011. Before registering, please ensure that all students will be available on the date of the Science Bowl. Any changes made to student participants after submittal will be considered to be a new registration and you will be date stamped for the new registration. **No changes to student participants will be accepted after January 7, 2012.**

Competition is in the form of a round robin/double-elimination tournament. Teams consist of six people from one high school: five students, one of whom is an alternate; and a coach, usually a science or math teacher. Sample questions are available on the science bowl website.

This year, registration will be by electronic application. Please go to <http://science.energy.gov/nsb/> and complete the registration form. Enclosed is the parental consent form that must be completed and returned before January 15, 2012. Please feel free to reproduce as many copies as needed.

We are proud to sponsor academic competition through the Department of Energy National Science Bowl®, and hope to have your school's participation. If you have any questions, please contact me at (631) 344-3054 or via E-mail at [cathyo@bnl.gov](mailto:cathyo@bnl.gov). You may also access further information on our website at [www.bnl.gov/education](http://www.bnl.gov/education).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Osiecki". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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